

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 421
(To be answered on the 17th November 2016)**

OPERATIONS BY AIRLINES OF LOSS MAKING ROUTES

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of air routes in different States/UTs of the country and abroad on which flights are being operated by Air India/private airlines inspite of regular loss of revenue;**
- (b) the efforts made during the last three years to increase the revenue receipt on the loss making air routes; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to close those air routes which are not profitable from the point of revenue, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): No such analysis have been carried out by the Government.**
 - (b): Airlines's revenue aspects are looked after by their respective management based on their business model.**
 - (c): Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services of different region of the country. It is, therefore, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.**
